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# Danby Church News

## Danby Community Church

*Adding to and Building up  
the Kingdom of God*



DANBY COMMUNITY CHURCH  
*Serving GOD & Community*

1859 Danby Rd.  
Ithaca, NY 14850

### Worship Services:

Sunday – 10am  
Music Service, Wed. 7pm  
Prayer Hour, Saturday 8am  
Tues. & Thurs. 5pm

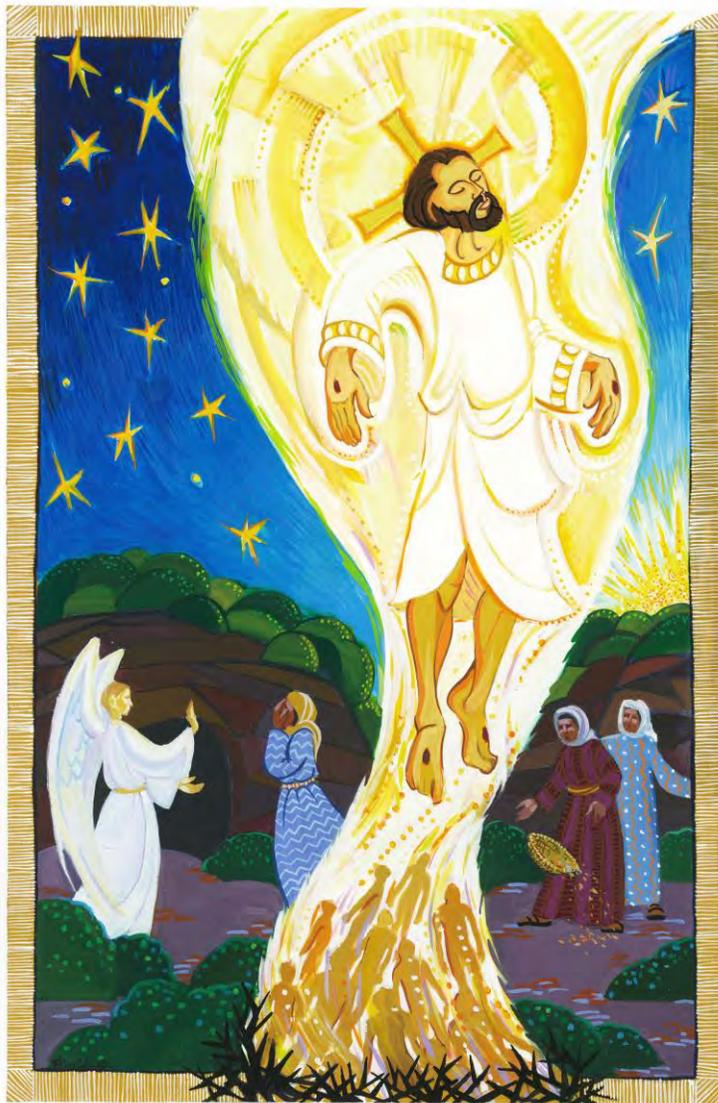
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*Easter Mystery by Vicki Shuck, vickishuck.com*



17 ... go to my brethren, and say unto them, I  
ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and  
to my God, and your God.      John20:17





### **Pulled Towards Higher Things**

There exist among us exceptional people who pull us up and make us better than we would normally be.

For example, there was a sensational new talent in the world of opera. When he sang, it was not only stunning, but everyone who sang with him also delivered stunning performances. He brought tired old divas back to a level of excellence they had not achieved for years.

So too, can Christ pull us up to be better people. He can pull us to a level of excellence to which we would not normally rise. He cares for us; he believes in our abilities, and he knows we stumble.

### **Grave Clothes**

Jewish burial customs of that day involved a complex mixture of spices and resin that, when placed between the layers of the grave clothes, hardened to produce an impenetrable shell.

The primary purpose, of course, was to keep robbers and animals out. It also prevented unpleasant odors from spreading. The total weight of the winding cloth with the spices and resins would be 75-100 pounds.

When John and Peter entered the tomb, they found the grave clothes lying in place with the linen head cloth folded next to it. Evidently the spices and resins had hardened into the shape of Jesus' body, leaving the appearance of a cocoon after the butterfly has escaped.

How do you explain that fact? Grave robbers would have taken the body without unwrapping it or they would have unwrapped it and thrown the winding sheets to the side. No one steals a body and then rewraps the grave clothes.

*From The Easter Conspiracy by Ray Pritchard*

*How was Jesus' tomb sealed? Only four Jerusalem tombs from the late Second Temple period boasted disk-shaped rolling stones. It was more common to seal tombs with cork-shaped stones, such as the one pictured here. The archaeological evidence suggests that the tomb of Jesus—the unused tomb of Joseph of Arimathea—would have been sealed with a cork-shaped stone. Photo: Tom Powers.*



### **Business as Usual?**

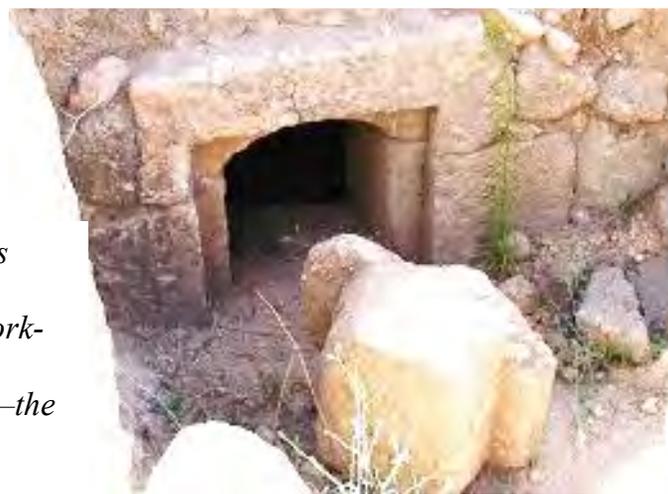
We build up to Easter Morning and slip right past into business as usual. When we consider the Lord's resurrection solely as specific date on our calendar, like a birthday, we can miss the meaning of our Lord's resurrection. Nothing was the same after that long ago morning outside of Jerusalem. Jesus was dead and now He is alive!

That Jesus died for our sins on that cross in our stead, links us with His humanness. He suffered and died like any of us would. By being raised from the dead, he seals His claim to divinity.

Jesus, as the most unique being of all time, bridges the gap between our human failings in a fallen world and the supernatural goodness of God Almighty. No prophet raised the Lord back to life. His resurrection was by the Father's will and that changes everything.

Jesus' resurrection transformed the Apostles from a bunch of lower class fishermen cowering behind locked doors to evangelists empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the whole world. They did not back down from the truth they experienced firsthand, even in the face of their own physical death. Why should they? Their Lord was and is alive!

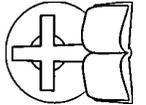
In our day and age we are pressured to conform to the ways of the world. We are considered silly and ignorant to express faith and belief in what cannot be proven rationally. The truth of Easter and our experience provides us with a very different perspective, just as it has for every generation of believers. This world, our culture and the trappings of civilization are all temporary and will fall away. The Kingdom of God is permanent and eternal and we know this because Jesus is alive! *By Pastor Ed Enstine*

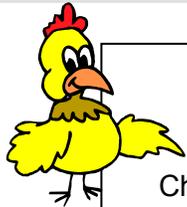




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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 10a EASTER 10a Worship Service 11:30a Fellowship 	<b>2</b> 9a Strength Grp. 11a Tai Chi Grp. 7p Trustees Mtg.	<b>3</b> 5p Hour of Prayer	<b>4</b> 11a Tai Chi Grp. 7p AA Meeting 7p Music Service	<b>5</b> 9a Strength Grp. 12p Sr. Citizens Mtg. 5p Hour of Prayer 6:30p Bible Study	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 8a Hour of Prayer
<b>8</b> 10a Worship Service 11:30a Fellowship Time	<b>9</b> 9a Strength Grp. 11a Tai Chi Grp. 7p Admin Council	<b>10</b> 5p Hour of Prayer	<b>11</b> 11a Tai Chi Grp. 7p AA Meeting 7p Music Service	<b>12</b> 9a Strength Grp. 5p Hour of Prayer 6:30p Bible Study	<b>13</b> 5p CHICKEN & BISCUITS 	<b>14</b> 8a Hour of Prayer
<b>15</b> 10a Worship Service 11:30a Fellowship Time	<b>16</b> 9a Strength Grp. 11a Tai Chi Grp. 12p LUNCH & FUN 7p SPOC Mtg. 	<b>17</b> 5p Hour of Prayer	<b>18</b> 11a Tai Chi Grp. 7p AA Meeting 7p Music Service	<b>19</b> 9a Strength Grp. 3p Food Pantry 5p Hour of Prayer 6:30p Bible Study 	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 8a Hour of Prayer
<b>22</b> 10a Worship Service 11:30a Fellowship Time	<b>23</b> 9a Strength Grp. 11a Tai Chi Grp. 12p Food Truck 5:30p SAP 	<b>24</b> 5p Hour of Prayer	<b>25</b> 11a Tai Chi Grp. 7p AA Meeting 7p Music Service	<b>26</b> 9a Strength Grp. 5p Hour of Prayer 6:30p Bible Study	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 8a Hour of Prayer
<b>29</b> 10a Worship Service 11:30a Brunch 	<b>30</b> 9a Strength Grp. 11a Tai Chi Grp. 7p Trustees Mtg.					



**Chicken & Biscuits**

**Friday, Apr. 13, 5-7pm**

Chicken, vegetables, dessert, drinks!  
Donations accepted.  
Last dinner of the season!

**What's in a Name?**

Easter did not always symbolize Christ's resurrection from the dead. The feast day of Easter was originally a pagan celebration of renewal and rebirth.

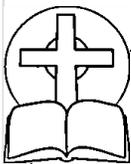
Celebrated in the early spring, it honored the pagan Saxon goddess Eastre. When the early missionaries converted the Saxons to Christianity, the holiday, which fell around the same time as the traditional memorial of Christ's resurrection, was merged with the pagan celebration, and became known as Easter.



Cover art: Vicki Shuck's artwork is available at EsperanzaArts on [etsy.com](http://etsy.com).

Vicki talked with me about the people in the painting who are following the Christ; "The people rising up with Christ represent all of us who are redeemed by his death and resurrection."

See more of Vicki Shuck's work at her website: [vickishuck.com](http://vickishuck.com)

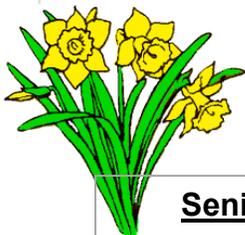


**Bible Study – Book of Acts**

**Thursdays, 6:30pm**

**Anniversaries**

- 4/7 Joe & Virginia Freedman
- 4/16 Vince & Lyn Aiosa



**Senior Citizens' Gentle Exercise**

Monday & Thursdays at 9am.

Gentle exercise with a little stretching, a little walking, a little work with hand weights, and a lot of laughter!



**Lunch & Games**

**Monday, Apr. 16, 12pm**

Everyone welcome, always!

Join us for fresh, hot, home-made soup, laughter, and a round of easy games.



**Around and About News**

March was terribly busy, Chicken & Biscuit, Soup & Games, Blood Drive, Sole Hope evening, Tai Chi, and more. The Tompkins County Youth Olympics was held here with five towns attending. Our last chicken dinner for the season is this April.

The dying maple tree outside the kitchen door was cut down earlier this winter.

Frannie Mason is having a difficult winter and has been in and out of the hospital. Any cards you might send would be most welcome.

Sadly, a funeral for Janet Gray's mother, Estelle Akers, was held here.

We have another thank you letter from Renovation House, a Christian rehab center for addicts. D.R. says, "I drank so much I wanted to die. ... I gave up everything I owned to come here. ... I also gave up my past." His letter is on the bulletin board in F.H. He asks for prayers for him and the other men at R.H.

A huge thank you to a secret shoveler, who kept the snow cleared from the Fellowship Hall doors without fail all winter.

Next month:

Ladies Tea – 5/5

Give Blood – 5/17



**Birthdays**

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|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 4-3 Shyla Schilling   | 4-14 Fernando Martinez |
| 4-3 Sarah Spearman    | 4-15 Lyn Aiosa         |
| 4-4 Penelope Buell    | 4-17 Charles Everhart  |
| 4-6 Danine Dibble     | 4-19 Tammy Martinez    |
| 4-7 John VanDeMark    | 4-22 William Fuller    |
| 4-8 Virginia Freedman | 4-26 Virginia Dean     |
| 4-11 Sharon Siegard   | 4-26 Barbara Mosher    |
| 4-12 Joe Freedman     | 4-27 Alex Zavaski      |
| 4-13 Donna Donnelly   | 4-28 Linda Hansen      |